ICMR. Whether it was part of preparation for biological or genetical warfare, this question can be aswered independently of the ICMR also. Now I do not know whether we have such agencies to find out whether such a thing did happen or not but, in any case, would the Minister agree to communicate, via the External Affairs Ministry, perhaps, to the Govenmernt of United States—because we have Government to Government contacts —that in India such a question has arisen that the Government of United States has in fact generated this through their warfare measures and that such a view is there? Can we communicate to them and seek clarifications from them?

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO: That such a view is there or may be there is already known to everyone who reads the proceedings of Parliament and newspapers. It would be a very wrong thing for us, from a Government to another Government, to suggest any such thing.

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE: Sir, I read a banner in Bombay the other day in Marine Drive "Is life worth while with raids and AIDS?" This disease is a gift of the USA to the world. The monkeys are in Africa but the highest incidence is in the USA. May be this is due to biological warfare going haywire, may be due to sex perversity. But, may I know from the Minister that since it is the Americans who are unleashing this sort of a misery on the people, whether he would take steps, to ensure that people visiting from America get a health certificate before they could come to India?

AN HONOURABLE MEMBER: That must be done.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: We have our own health regulations and we are quite well known for enforcing them very rigidly. So the honourable Member may rest assured that in the enforcement of our regulations, whatever needs to be done from time to time will be done.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

F.C.I. Claims Against Railways

*322. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that outstanding claims of Food Corporation of Indian on account of non-delivery of foodgrain wagons against railways have mounted to crores of rupees;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of outstanding claims of the Food Corporation of India against railways at present; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to clear the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The claims of Food Corporation of India for non-delivery of wagons are adjusted against wagons delivered to them at diverted stations. After the adjustment, which is done from time to time, at present, no amount of compensation is payable to them on this account.

*327. [Transferred to the 28th November, 1986].

Supply of steel by Bhilai Steel Plant to railways

*328. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways had placed large orders for supply of about 1.41 lakh tonnes of steel with the Bhilai steel plant;

(b) if so, what is the total quantity of steel supplies by Bhilai steel plant till date; and

(c) whether it has cost the Railways heavily in terms of time-lag and foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. During 1986-87 orders on Bhilai Steel Plant have been booked for supply of only 68,964 tonnes of steel plates, structurals, rounds and pig iron.

(b) Bhilai steel plant has supplied 41,342 tonnes of various items of steel till October, 1986.

(c) No, Sir.

Linking of Rajkot by air

*329. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVA-KOLI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations for connecting Rajkot with Delhi, Calcutta, Srinagar and Bangalore by air, if so, what is Government's response thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that the survey team which recently visited Rajkot for carrying out a survey for the purpose did not contact members of public, chambers of commerce and other representative bodies as is usually done for such surveys, if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the norms and guidelines laid down for carrying out a traffic survey for assessing the viability of a proposed air-service sector?

THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER, (a) Representations have been received for connecting Rajkot with Delhi. Further action will depend upon the results of the traffic survey, being conducted.

(b) No, Sir. The Indian Airlines survey teams contacted Government officials, prominent citizens, travel agents and representatives of various bodies such as the Chambers of Commerce, etc.

(c) no specific norms/guidelines have been prescribed for carrying out a traffic survey. However, survey teams taken into account factors such as available information on traffic flows from the station to various other stations, demands made for new links by public bodies such as the Chambers of Commerce, etc.

अनिवार्य शिक्षा दिया जाना

*330. **श्री राम चन्द्र विकल** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 14 वर्ष तक की आयु के सभी बच्चों को निःशुल्क तथा अनिवार्य शिक्षा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 45 में उल्लिखित निदेशक तत्वों को लागू किये जाने के संबंध में विभिन्न राज्यों में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है । और

(ख) प्रत्येक राज्य में विभिन्न आयु आयु वर्ग में कितने बच्चे ऐसे हैं जो स्कूल नहीं जा रहे हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) और (ख) भारत के संविधान अनुच्छेद-45 में, सभी बच्चों के लिए 14 वर्ष की आयु पूरी कर लेने तक, निःशुल्क तथा अनिवार्य शिक्षा की व्यवस्था करने की परिकल्पना की गई है। उत्तर प्रदेश जहां कक्षा 7 और 8 में